

March 25, 2002

William F. Caton
Acting Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: *Ex Parte* Notification, In the Matter of Review of Part 15 and Other Parts
of the Commission's Rules, ET Docket No. 01-278

Dear Mr. Caton:

On March 22, 2002, I initiated a telephone call to Paul Margie, Legal Advisor to Commissioner Michael J. Copps, on behalf of Spacenet Inc. and StarBand Communications, Inc. (Spacenet/StarBand). Spacenet/StarBand reiterated their position that prompt Enforcement Bureau action is essential to resolve the harmful interference caused to licensed VSAT operations by unlicensed radar detectors. There is no factual dispute that radar detectors operating in the Ku and Ka bands generate very high emission levels. The commenters offer further technical studies that overwhelmingly support the Commission's determination in this proceeding that radar detectors are a significant source of harmful interference to radar detectors. While the radar detector industry has offered to cease manufacturing radar detectors in certain bands as of June 1, 2003, this is an unacceptable solution. During that time, interfering radar detectors will continue to proliferate, expanding embedded consumer use and making enforcement more difficult and less effective. The remainder of the presentation is reflected in the attached comments. Also attached are original texts of regulatory decisions and statutory provisions that Mr. Margie requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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Communications, Inc.